

ONCE: Services and Resources

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ONCE

O - organization

Spanish

N – national

national

C – blind people

blind people

E – Spanish

organization

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...

- It was born in 1938, in the middle of the Spanish Civil War.



- Since 1938, ONCE is a democratic organization. The members vote their political representative.

ONCE MEMBERS

- In order to become an ONCE member, two criteria are followed:
 - Visual acuity → It must be less than 1/10
 - Visual field → It must be less than 10°

ONCE SERVICES

PERSONAL AUTONOMY

- Psychosocial support
- Rehabilitation
- Communication and access to information

SOCIAL INTEGRATION

- Educative attention
- Employment support
- Artistical, cultural and sportive promotion

ONCE: PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

- This support tasks are carried through by a **psychologist**:
- Training for acceptance and adaptation of visual deficiency and blindness.
- Increasing awareness.

ONCE: REHABILITATION

- Rehabilitation tasks are accomplished by a **rehabilitation technician**.
- Visual rehabilitation: vision management, visual stimulation and use of optical assistances.
- Training for mobility and orientation.
- Everyday life skills.

ONCE: COMMUNICATION AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- An **expert in technology for blind people** is the person who:
 - Teaches braille.
 - Adapts and teaches how to deal with technology for blind people.

ONCE: EDUCATIVE ATTENTION

- An **itinerant teacher** carries out the following tasks:
 - Early intervention.
 - Advice for the different Educational Institutions.
 - Study place adaptation.

ONCE: EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

- The **employment technician** is the responsible for:
 - Employment bureau.
 - “Looking for a job” planning.
 - Work place addaptation.